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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.  
Application No. : 09/374,936 Confirmation No. : 4340  
Filed : August 16, 1999  
For : MODIFIED PROTEINS AND DNAs OF THE TGF- $\beta$   
SUPERFAMILY, INCLUDING MODIFIED  
MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS  
Group Art Unit : 1647  
Examiner : Jegatheesan Seharaseyon

New York, New York 10020  
October 8, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

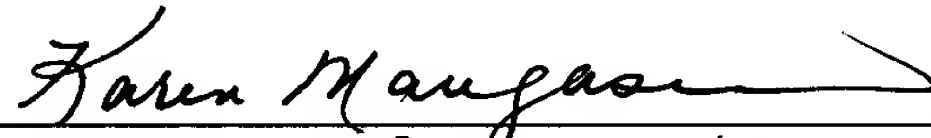
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for an one-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Official Action dated June 16, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before October 16, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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